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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 2308

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

REF: STATE 069965

1. WE APPRECIATE AMBASSADOR EBERLE'S OFFER TO CONSULT FOR TWO HOURS IN QUITO WITH HIGH LEVEL GOE TRADE OFFICIALS IN A.M. FRIDAY APRIL 26. HOWEVER, THE KEY OFFICIAL, FINANCE MINISTER JAIME MONCAYO, IS EXPECTED TO BE IN NEW YORK AT THAT TIME AS HEAD OF ECUADOREAN DELEGATION TO UNGA SPECIAL SESSION.

2. IN ADDITION, PROPOSED TWO-HOUR DISCUSSION IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO COVER ADEQUATELY SUBJECT OF SUCH IMPORTANCE TO ECUADOR AND WOULD BE INTERPRETED BY LOCAL OFFICIALS AS A SLIGHT. OUR EXPERIENCE, MOREOVER, INDICATES THAT WEATHER CONDITIONS IN QUITO ARE SO UNPREDICTABLE THAT CHANCES FOR AN ON-TIME LANDING ARE LESS THAN 50-50 AT THIS TIME OF YEAR.

3. FOR THESE REASONS, WE MUST RELUCTANTLY RECOMMEND THAT
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QUITO BE REMOVED FROM SCHEDULE OF AMBASSADOR EBERLE'S VISITS.

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